

# ‘We Need People Who Will Stand Up’

*LaRouche addressed the New South Coalition in Montgomery on May 14, 2004.*

I’m delighted, naturally, to be here, and I have much to say, and there’s not enough time to say even what’s important.

But my message is there for all of you.

I’ll say one thing: In the history of humanity, there’s been a long struggle to free man from a condition, in which a few have held the rest, the majority, as hunted or human cattle. This fight has not yet been won. But the particular fight we have, is to get the citizens who are in the lower 80% of family-income brackets—who are following what they’re told to vote for—to get them not to be called out to vote for something, but to vote for themselves. And they have to get the spirit: That they have a *right* to vote for themselves, and demand that they be informed to the degree that they can make competent choices, and not make impulsive choices that kill us.

We are in the most dangerous period in modern history, right now. A great depression is descending upon us. A \$41.5 a barrel of oil is a warning. \$50 is a disaster.

We have a war, which is not an Iraq war: It’s a *policy of war*.

We’ve got to fight these issues. But *I know in politics, most of our people are not moving!* They’re treating themselves as self-condemned, to accept the status of being human cattle, and following a few leaders. We need the people to stand up on their hind legs, as JL [Chestnut] referred to it, on the question of the Pettus Bridge. We need people who will stand up, and know they have the right, as human beings not to be human cattle!

I’m sick and tired of seeing people being human cattle! And that’s really what I’m about.